



hello fall



**COMING SOON**

We'll be unveiling a new look and language! Check our website and social media for details on the announcement.

**HIGH SCHOOL MENTORING**

Having a mentor in a student's life is incredibly beneficial to our youth. This year we are strengthening our partnership with the REACH program, which is a class at Red Wing High School. REACH stands for Relationships, Education, Accountability, Character, and Hardwork.

This year we are doing in-school mentoring on Thursdays starting on October 13th. The mentor comes in based on the hour the student has REACH or a study hall and meets with their mentee during that hour. We currently have 95 students enrolled in mentoring. There are still 9 students who have requested a mentor that we have not been able to fulfill. (Maybe YOU can be their mentor?)

We also provide small group programming with REACH students who want to build a relationship with Red Wing Youth Outreach but aren't yet sure about having a mentor. We will be playing team building games, practicing social and emotional skills, and much more.

If you would like more information about becoming a mentor or know a High School or Middle School student who could use more caring adults in their lives, please contact Jenna at [jennacollins@redwingyouthoutreach.org](mailto:jennacollins@redwingyouthoutreach.org)

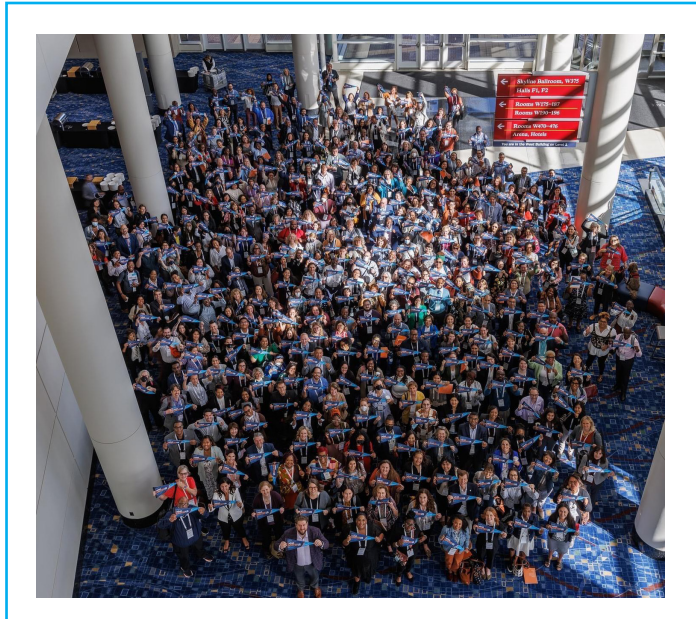


## HERE'S WHAT YOU MADE POSSIBLE

### PARENT ENGAGEMENT

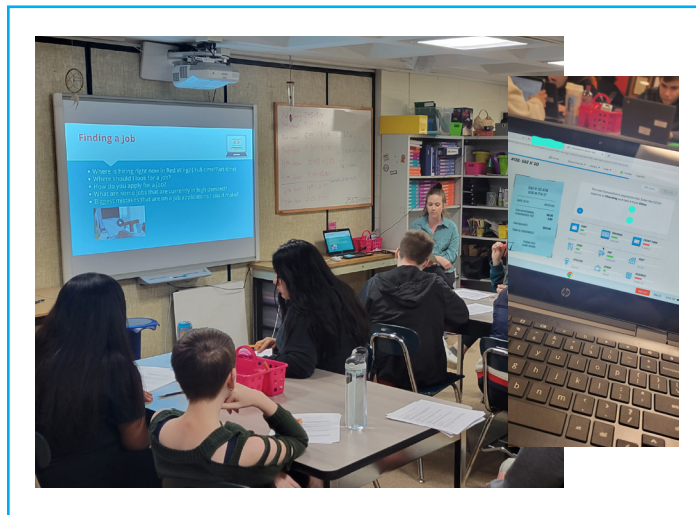
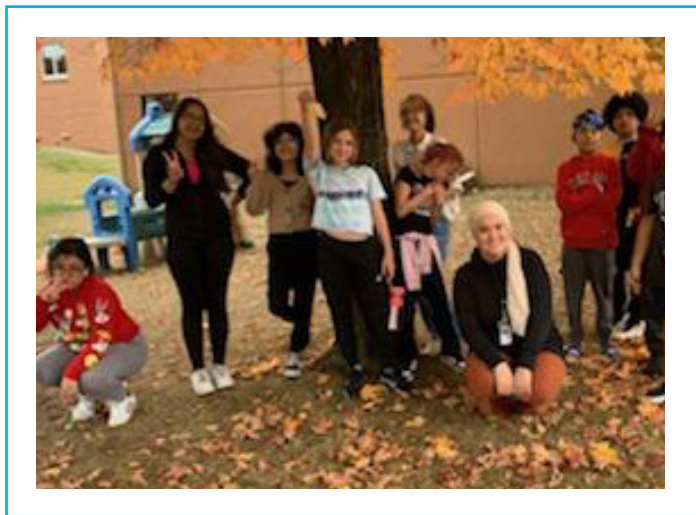
This fall our staff brought a parent (and her daughter) to attend a StriveTogether conference together in Chicago. They both reported that it was a wonderful experience where they met inspiring people across the country working on similar parent engagement strategies.

We continue to engage parents in an effort to learn, directly from them, how we can support them and how we can help them advocate for their children. Our staff will be participating in an upcoming training called "Million Girls Moonshot: Family Engagement and Community of Practice". We continue to build relationships and work across the community to learn how we can support parents.



### INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS

Our Independent Living Skills class at Tower View Alternative School focuses on helping students prepare for life after high school. Throughout this class we visit the following local resources: Workforce Development, Red Wing Credit Union, ArtReach, and Minnesota State College Southeast. We also offer these support services in a 1:1 format that includes youth creating an independent living skills plan. With our support, youth have access to help with interviewing, job searching, finding stable housing, and any other support needed for them to live independently.



### MENTORING / TUTORING AT TWIN BLUFF MIDDLE SCHOOL

Fall is here and school-based programming has started back up! We are excited to be back full time at Twin Bluff Middle School. Services will be provided both during and after school. Our staff have had a great time chatting with students and relationship building over lunch. The after-school program will run on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:45 to 5:45pm.



## INTRODUCING OUR TEAM MEMBERS

### MEET MICHELLE

I'm Michelle Hansen. I am currently a senior at University of Wisconsin-River Falls studying Social Work. I chose to intern at Red Wing Youth Outreach because I love the school aspect of social work, however, I have never worked in an alternative high school before. I am excited to learn the ins and outs of Red Wing Youth Outreach as a whole and connect with the students in hopes of providing them with a safe and comfortable environment where I can be a resource for them. I have three years of experience working at an elementary school as a special education para and absolutely fell in love with working with students. I am very passionate about the field of social work, and I am excited to learn, grow, and strengthen my social work skills with support of Red Wing Youth Outreach. A few of my passions include spending time with my family and friends, being out on the boat, fishing, and helping others. I have a five-year-old husky named Leia, and she is my world. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your community this school year.



### MEET STEPHANIE

Red Wing Youth Outreach recently added Every Hand Joined's mission and work to our umbrella of services. With this expansion we hired Stephanie Jeselson as the new Partnership Coordinator for Red Wing Youth Outreach. She will oversee convening the partners of the cradle to career city-wide collaboration.

From Stephanie: I am originally from North Carolina, but my mom is from Red Wing, and I spent many summers here visiting my grandparents. It was like my second home. Before this, I spent a year with Americorps serving as a College Adviser at two high schools in rural North Carolina. While I thoroughly enjoyed my role, I wanted to do more to address the systemic barriers that affected the youth I was serving. My educational background is in Peace and Conflict Studies, so I wanted to find a role that was the culmination of conflict resolution, peacebuilding work, and youth empowerment. Joining the Red Wing Youth Outreach team has been serendipitous and felt like a homecoming. I am so excited to be a part of this community and at tables surrounded by people willing to have the hard conversations and do the work.



## OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL LEADERSHIP

Through a partnership with Workforce Development, we have three new Program Assistant positions this year. These positions are filled with Red Wing Youth Outreach alumni that have interest in the field of human services. Part of the duties for these new roles are supporting the after-school programs through direct services, curriculum delivery, mentor recruitment, and facilitating games. Having young people that have gone through the program themselves be supporting role models in the lives of the youth we serve is a wonderful opportunity for all of us involved. This is an exciting opportunity for these young adults to experience giving back to the community and learning essential work skills. We look forward to watching them continue to grow in their leadership skills as they support other youth in the community.

### RESOURCES

**If you know a child or young adult in the Red Wing community who may be in need of professional assistance, please contact Red Wing Youth Outreach at 651-388-3371.**

In order to be able to continue to support the youth in Red Wing, we need your help. If you are able to make a financial donation at this time, we have several options available:

- **Venmo App:** @RedWingYouthOutreach
- **Mail your donation:** Use the enclosed envelope to mail a donation to our office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please use the included envelope to mail your donation.



## YOUTH LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The Youth Leadership Council continues to grow in both membership and impact. Members of this group focus on learning leadership skills through action:

- Improving school culture
- Participating in local community service projects
- Creating a welcoming environment for new students

New this year: Our Youth Leadership Council expands to the High School!

The group meets weekly for 2 hours. Youth in grades 10th-12th are welcome to join.

The focus will be on skill development in the following areas: Leadership, Independent Living, and Social and Emotional Management. Tutoring services will also be provided during this time for students needing educational support.

- **Thrivent Choice Dollars:** If you are a Thrivent Financial member, designate Red Wing Youth Outreach as your preferred agency to receive your Thrivent Choice Dollars.

We thank you for your continued support of our programs. Stay safe and healthy!

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